

HIGHER RATES ON LUMBER PLANNED

Railroads Defer Filing Plea to Have It in 15 Per Cent. List.

SHIPPERS ARE HEARD

Protests Are Made Regarding Certain Proposed Tariffs on Milk.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Shippers contending that the freight rates on their products already are high enough, occupied most of today's hearings on proposed increases in commodity rates before Examiner Diquette of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

During the hearing Eugene Morris, chairman of the Central Freight Association Territory Railroad Board, said that the railroad already had formulated but had deferred filing pending the present investigation, an application to increase lumber in the proposed general 15 per cent. advance. The plan, he said, is to apply the increase not only within the official classification territory east of the Mississippi River, but interterritorially.

A. B. De Pass of Seattle, traffic manager of the Carnation Milk Products Company, urged upon the examiner that if the rate advances can be demonstrated to be necessary as a war emergency measure they should be granted with a understanding they were to remain in effect only until the war is over, rates then to be restored to their normal level.

Enters a Protest.

He protested against proposed cancelling of through commodity rates on wheat and milk and canned vegetables from Wisconsin to trunk line territory and substitution of commodity rates from shipping points to Chicago and Milwaukee and class rates beyond. Some Eastern lines, particularly the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio, he testified, have been antagonistic to the milk business for years.

G. A. Pierce, representing the Borden Condensed Milk Company, testified that his concern did not object to any advance that the Interstate Commerce Commission found reasonable, but that it does object to certain rate tariffs from New London, Vt., to trunk line territory, which contemplate from 39 to 37 per cent. advance.

T. A. McElrath, counsel for the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, objected to the proposed increase of 4½ cents on flaxseed from the producing fields to the Minneapolis line of oil plants. The proposed rates, he said, would force flaxseed away from Minneapolis to its Eastern competitors favored by the low lake rates. For the railroads Mr. Morris replied that the increase was an automatic one in the Northwest with relation to other proposed increases East.

Woodenware Rates.

Proposed increases of 4½ cents a hundred pounds on woodenware, such as butter dishes, clothes pins and toothpicks, from Escanaba, Mich., to New York were opposed by H. H. McEwen of Milwaukee, who asserted that the increase as well as a proposed minimum carload requirement of 30,000 pounds were oppressively on an Escanaba factory and gave its sole competitor an advantage in the New York market.

Mr. Morris said the commission and the shippers generally were seeking the minimum carload weight and that the only competitor, located in central New York, naturally would have the advantage of the lesser distance to market.

Increase in mileage rates in New England from 2½ to 2½ cents a mile was asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day by the Boston and Albany, Boston and Maine, Central Vermont and Rutland railways. Railroads applied to-day to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to increase rates on sugar in carloads about 20 per cent. from Eastern seaboard points and New Orleans to interior cities.

16 FIRE VICTIMS IN ONE GRAVE

Impressive Funeral Services for Salvation Army's Dead.

The funeral of fifteen of the eighteen men who were burned to death in the Salvation Army Mission at Paterson, N. J., was held yesterday afternoon in the Market Street Methodist Church in that city. The fifteen caskets were carried into the church and placed before the altar, and nine ministers participated in the services, which were under the direction of the Rev. S. Trevena, Jackson.

The Rev. David Stuart Hamilton, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, preached the sermon. Mrs. Laura Lee Barbour sang "The Home Land" and "The Rock of Ages" by Ensign Frank Power of the New York Branch of the Salvation Army. The church was crowded and large quantities of flowers were sent by prominent citizens. The burial was in the Laurel Grove Cemetery.

1000 BILL WITH COMEDIAN'S SIGNATURE BOUGHT BY WOMAN.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—Donated and autographed by Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, a 1000 bill was auctioned off for \$5,000 at a meeting here to-day at which nearly 30,000 of Pittsburg's quota of \$100,000 to war camp community service was pledged. The 1000 bill was bid in by a woman who requested that her name not be made public. An address was made at the meeting by Mr. Lauder.

2 KILLED ON TRIP FOR LOBSTER

Automobile Turns Turtle and Mr. Lennon and Mrs. Beresford Die.

Mrs. Frank J. Lennon of North Fulton avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., who has been convalescing from a long illness, asked her husband Tuesday night to drive his automobile to New Rochelle and get her a boiled lobster. Mr. Lennon, accompanied by Mrs. Paul D. Beresford, a neighbor, who was visiting at the Lennon home, started about midnight.

It was early yesterday morning when the lobster was obtained, and then Mr. Lennon and Mrs. Beresford left New Rochelle and started to Mount Vernon. Mr. Lennon was driving along the boulevard in Pelham Heights when the car suddenly swept from the road and overturned near Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Some time later Howard Blackstone found the two dead in the roadway.

PHILADELPHIA EXPORTS FALL

\$20,093,332 Less in September Than Last Year—Imports Gain.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—Philadelphia export trade in September showed a shrinkage of \$20,093,332 compared with the corresponding month last year. Imports increased \$1,470,386.

The value of the imports for September was \$5,375,925, compared to \$6,846,313 for the same month last year. The export values were \$24,093,332, as against \$44,377,332 for September, 1917.

The reports of the Commissioners of Navigation also show that although there was a loss of thirty-six vessels in the foreign arrivals and clearances at this port in October the tonnage shows a gain of 50,016 compared with October last year.

QUICK WORK ON SHIP PLANT.

Terry Co. Has Nearly Completed 12 Ways at Savannah.

Rapid progress is being made in the construction of steel and wood cargo vessels for the Government by the Terry Shipbuilding Company at Port Wentworth Terminal, Savannah, according to William Milrot, president of the terminal corporation, who has just returned from a visit to the property. He added:

"Although construction was started only last July most of the twelve ways planned have been built and all the projected buildings have been completed. Keels have been laid for several vessels, of which there are to be twenty, worth \$500,000 apiece. The first craft will probably be launched in March next."

SOCIALIST VOTE IS UP 400 PER CENT.

Returns From Soldiers and Sailors May Raise Hillquit Total to 155,000.

10 ASSEMBLY SEATS WON

Seven Elected to Board of Aldermen—Inroads Made on Republicans.

Defeated as they were for important offices, the Socialists nevertheless were able to gloat yesterday over a tremendously increased vote and, indeed, over actual fruits of victory.

When the soldier and sailor vote shall have been recorded Hillquit's total will approximate 165,000, no doubt. He has 142,000 as it is, and if one figures that he will receive between 20 and 25 per cent. of the vote of the services 155,000 is not an extravagant estimate. On the face of the figures, therefore, the Socialists, with their campaign cries of immediate peace, with their opposition to the Liberty Loan and other patriotic measures to help the nation, and with their frankly pro-German proclivities have increased their strength rather more than 400 per cent.

That is, on the face of things. Few political observers believe they can retain on Socialist doctrine anything like the strength they exhibited last Tuesday when they were recruited by many elements of discontent and future disloyalty. What the real percentage of increase of Socialist strength in this town may be no one could estimate yesterday, but it was assumed that there has been a heavy and definite increase. This was put down as due in part to the radicalism of the times, to the protest against the mounting cost of living and to clever misrepresentation of the attitude of wealthy men and corporations.

Hillquit's Inroads.

Hillquit's big vote came to just about what acute observers had predicted; but what they didn't figure on was that it would come so largely from Republicans and independents and so sparsely from Tammany. The returns seem to show that he got very little support, if any, from organized Democracy, and that he made heavy inroads on the Republican party strength and upon the "silent" vote. It was assumed also yesterday that thousands of Republican and independent voters voted for Hillquit at the last minute to insure the defeat of Hillquit. But that Hillquit ran so closely behind Mayor Mitchell was a source of surprise and chagrin to many persons who noted that only 7,000 votes separated the young man who had stood for patriotism and the shrewd lawyer of pro-German tendencies who preached pacifism. They noted that Hillquit carried eleven Assembly districts in the greater city, while Mayor Mitchell carried only nine, and that in one borough, The Bronx, Hillquit ran second to Hyman, while in another he barely missed that position. Hillquit's associates, Sieverman and Cassidy, did nearly as well as he, thus proving that the mass of voters in Socialist ranks on Tuesday stuck to their convictions all along the line.

So far as the actual fruits of victory are concerned the Socialists are not badly off, all things considered. They elected ten Assemblymen and seven Aldermen—a record for their party, an unheard of thing. From Manhattan they will send to the Legislature William Karlin from the Fourth Assembly district, who got more votes than his Republican and Tammany opponents combined; Elmer Rosenberg of the Sixth, Louis Waldman of the Eighth and Claessens of the Seventeenth. From The Bronx they will send Gilroy of the Third, Orr of the Fourth and Garlink of the Fifth, and from Brooklyn they will be represented by Feigenbaum of the Fourth, Weil of the Nineteenth and Shipplacoff of the Twenty-third.

Aldermanic Victories.

The Aldermen-elect are Adolph Held in the Fourth district, Abraham Becker in the Sixth, Algernon Lee in the Eighth and Maurice S. Kalman in the Twelfth of Manhattan, Braunstein of the Thirtieth in The Bronx, Viudek and Wolf of the Fifty-sixth and Fifty-ninth respectively in Brooklyn. Neither in Queens nor in Richmond did they come anywhere near success, although Hillquit ran well in the borough across the East River. Their women candidates were defeated.

One of the minor surprises of the election was that the Socialist ticket did rather poorly in Manhattan and unexpectedly well in Brooklyn. Manhattan was expected to produce the big Socialist vote. It gave Hillquit 49,000, Brooklyn was regarded as a bulwark against ultra-radicalism. It gave Hillquit 48,000, only about 2,000 less than it gave to the Mayor.

All things considered, the Socialist candidate for Attorney-General made a fair fight of it. S. John Block receiving 117,453 out of a total of about 611,000 ballots cast for that office. Where Hillquit received about 22 per cent. of the city's vote, Block got about 19 per cent. The Socialist campaign committee took its typewriter in hand for a little plain and fancy exulting last night, samples of which are herewith offered:

"With all the returns in the vote for Hillquit will run over 150,000 when the soldier vote is counted. In the last city election the Socialist candidate received \$2,000 votes, or 5 per cent. of the total. This year our vote increased 400 per cent. to 22 per cent. of the total. This showing was made in spite of the fact that we had the bitter opposition of the press and of all the big business interests in New York, and were handicapped by lack of organization and lack of funds. Well known Republican and Democratic leaders took the stump against us."

Although Hyman and Mitchell were, theoretically, opponents of Hillquit on the same plane of political contesting, the statement reveals no regret over Hyman's victory and keen delight over Mitchell's defeat. It refers to the Mayor as one properly "rebuked for daring to

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AUSTRIA'S FINANCIAL STATE IS DESPERATE

Swiss Experts Say Money Structure Is Tottering.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Swiss monetary experts in despatches received here call attention to the desperate financial situation in Austria.

Recently Dr. Weckerle, President of the Hungarian Cabinet, said at a public sitting of Parliament that the circulation of notes of the Imperial Bank had reached fifteen and a half billion crowns in September and is now probably seventeen billion. The metal reserve for this enormous circulation is only between 350 and 400 millions.

The Swiss experts declare that Austria, consequently, is in a precarious financial position. In this situation, the Swiss experts say, Austria would not be long in suing for a separate peace were she not dominated by Germany.

CONGRAGAN, Nov. 7.—The seventh Austrian war loan will be of the 5½ per cent. type and will be issued at 92½, maturing in forty years, according to a Vienna despatch to the *Vossische Zeitung* of Berlin. Subscribers will receive a bonus of a month's interest and the banks will get a commission of one-half of 1 per cent., so that the loan will net the Government approximately 91½.

The Austro-Hungarian Bank will be authorized to loan up to 80 per cent. of the value of the bonds, charging not more than 5 per cent. interest, and will carry the loans for from three to five years. By this concession and the interest bonus to subscribers the Government hopes to secure subscriptions equal to the sixth loan, which totalled 6,900,000 crowns (\$1,380,000,000 under normal exchange) for both countries.

Australian Referendum on Draft.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 7.—The Australian Government has decided to hold another referendum on the question of conscription. In the referendum last year the final vote showed 1,085,000 ballots in favor of and 1,146,000 against conscription.

Thirteen Cent Stamp Planned.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The Post Office Department is planning to issue a thirteen-cent postage stamp for registered and special delivery letters.

RED CROSS AMBULANCES BURN, ALSO ENDANGERED.

Morgan Garage and Torrey Studio Also Endangered.

Two ambulances, with a kitchen trailer, all completely fitted for service abroad, were destroyed yesterday afternoon in a fire in the garage at 29 East Thirty-fifth street. The machines were owned by the American Red Cross and were to have been shipped to-day. Two other automobiles were burned. William Higelow, a chauffeur, was severely burned and Police Sergeant Charles Mooney and Patrolman John Elkins were slightly injured.

The garage was owned by the estate of J. Pierpont Morgan. The adjoining garage at 31 East Thirty-fifth street is used by Mrs. Morgan for the storage of her personal cars. On the other side are the home and studio of George H. Torrey, the portrait painter. His studio overhangs the garage and the firemen made a fast fight to prevent his paintings from being damaged.

MRS. KAAS ASKS NO ALIMONY.

Tells Court She Fears She Could Not Collect It.

Actions for divorce without a plea for alimony are few in the Supreme Court in New York county. Mrs. Josephine Kaas, now suing Andrew Kaas, is plaintiff in one of the exceptional cases. After telling the court yesterday that she had no desire for alimony, Justice Gavigan, who had just awarded to her the custody of her four-year-old son asked for her reasons.

"I always had so much trouble getting money out of my husband when we were living together," replied Mrs. Kaas, "that I don't believe my luck would be any better now. Besides I am self-supporting, and think I can provide for my little boy very well."

Decision in the case was reserved.

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